

**New Jersey State Board of Education  
Minutes of the Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education  
In the Conference Room on the First Floor  
100 River View Executive Plaza  
Trenton, NJ**

**October 4, 2017**

**Presiding:** Andrew Mulvihill, Vice President

**Secretary:** Kimberley Harrington, Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM**

Dr. Ronald Butcher-- via teleconference  
Mrs. Mary Beth Berry  
Ms. Edithe Fulton  
Mr. Jack Fornaro  
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi  
Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg  
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia

**ABSENT**

Mr. Arcelio Aponte  
Dr. Joseph L. Ricca

**CONVENING**

State Board of Education Vice President Andrew Mulvihill convened the public meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the reading of the statement pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

The Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education, Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House Press Corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers.

And seeing there was a quorum, the meeting of October 4, 2017, was called to order.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice President Mulvihill then read the resolution pertaining to the executive session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on October 4, 2017.

## **RECONVENING**

State Board Vice President Andrew Mulvihill reconvened the open meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the resumption of the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board will now adjourn from executive session to resume the open session of this meeting.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meetings conducted on September 13, 2017 and September 25, 2017.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Announcements**

#### **Public Testimony**

Vice President Mulvihill stated public testimony would not be held today at 2 pm as no one registered to speak.

Vice President Mulvihill stated that registration for the November 1, 2017 public testimony session would open on Thursday, October 12, 2017 and close at noon on Thursday, October 26, 2017. He also stated that the topics for the November 1 public testimony session include the amendments to chapter 8, Standards and Assessment pertaining to the State Seal of Biliteracy.

Vice President Mulvihill stated that anyone interested in speaking at or also attending the public testimony session must register so the State Board staff can make proper arrangements for space. He also stated that members of the public should contact the State Board office at 609-984-6024 or check the following website <http://education.state.nj.us/sboe/reg.php> for updates.

#### **National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Elections**

Vice President Mulvihill stated that elections for the NASBE Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 year including President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Area Directors will take place at the annual conference in Atlanta in October. He also stated that state board member Kathy Goldenberg would serve as NJ's delegate this year. He further stated that the NJ State Board of Education needs to submit its choice for President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Northeast Area Director. The NJ State Board of Education supported Rachel Wise (Nebraska) as President-Elect and Byron Ernest (Indiana) as Secretary-Treasurer and Estela Lopez as Northeast Area Director.

#### **Permanent Student Representative**

Vice President Mulvihill welcomed Karan Chauhan the 2017-2018 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Karan Chauhan is a senior from Parsippany Troy-Hills High School in Morris County. Karan reported on the Grow-A-Row, the New Jersey Association of Student Councils' state charity for this year.

## **Resolution in Recognition of National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Membership Month**

On behalf of the State Board, Vice President Mulvihill presented Rose Acerra, President, N.J. PTA and Cathy Lindenbaum, President-elect, N.J. PTA with a resolution recognizing October as National PTA Membership Month in New Jersey.

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board approved the following resolution read by State Board member Edith Fulton:

### **RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2017 AS PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) MEMBERSHIP MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is an association acting for the benefit of children's education and well-being by focusing attention on issues affecting youth and public education; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey PTA also promotes family engagement in schools and communities, and advocates for public education; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 116 years, New Jersey PTA has served the needs of children, teachers, parents, and schools through active volunteerism; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey PTA provides a network of local, state and national voices speaking together on behalf of all children; and

**WHEREAS**, among the millions of members of National PTA, the New Jersey PTA ranks with more than 115,000 members in 600 Local PTAs; and

**WHEREAS**, the strength of the PTA lies in its Membership—the volunteers who tirelessly devote themselves to making this a better world for children and youth; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize October 2017 as PTA Membership Month in New Jersey, and encourages everyone to join the PTA and become an advocate for children.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

#### **Presentation of the 2017-2018 New Jersey State Teacher of the Year**

Kristen Brown, Chief Talent Officer introduced Ms. Amy Anderson, a teacher of American Sign Language from Cape May County, as the 2017-2018 New Jersey State Teacher of the Year. She stated that Ms. Anderson has been a teacher in the Ocean City School District since 2004.

Representatives from the following organizations and companies presented Ms. Anderson with these items: New Jersey Education Association - a one-year lease on a new car and a \$500 clothing allowance; and Educational Testing Service - a half-year sabbatical.

#### **Future Ready Schools**

Laura Morana, Chief Academic Officers, Joshua Koen, Chief Educational Technology Officer, Larry Feinsod, Executive Director, New Jersey School Boards Association, Patrice Mallet, Director, Business Development, New Jersey School Boards Association, along with Jeremy Reich, James Lipuma and Bruce Bukiet, Future Ready Schools-New Jersey, New Jersey Institute of Technology provided an update on the Future Ready Schools initiative.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

*\*Items scheduled for a vote are marked with an asterisk.*

**\*A. Appointment(s)**

- There were no appointments.

**\*B. Certification of School Districts**

- Certified for a period of three years, the following school district(s) recommended by the Commissioner, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14a and b.

<b>Certified School District</b>	<b>County</b>
Cedar Grove	Essex

**\*C. Regulatory Equivalency and Waiver**

- Adopted the sunset readoption with amendments to the Regulatory Equivalency and Waiver regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:5, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15.

**\*D. Educational Facilities**

- Adopted the sunset readoption with amendments pertaining to the testing for lead in drinking water proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4, pursuant to P.L. 2016, c. 10, P.L. 2017, c. 76 and N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15.

**\*E. Standards and Assessment**

- Tabled the discussion of the sunset readoption without amendment at Chapter 8, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 through 14, 18A:7C-1 et seq., 18A:7E-2 through 5, 18A:35-4.2 and 4.7, and 18A:59-5 and N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15.

**WORK SESSION**

There was no work session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its October 4, 2017, public meeting at 12:16 p.m.

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Kimberley Harrington, Commissioner  
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education